

Activity:	Federal Land Acquisition Administration
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Activity Summary

	2005 Enacted	2006 Enacted	FY 2007			Change From 2006 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Federal Land Acquisition Administration	10,365	9,605	+216	-800	9,021	-584
Total Requirements	10,365	9,605	+216	-800	9,021	-584
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>-10</i>

Summary of FY 2007 Programmatic Changes for Federal Land Acquisition Administration

Request Component	Amount	FTE	Page #
Programmatic Changes			
• Reduce Support for Land Acquisition Administration	-800	-10	LASA-7
TOTAL, Program Changes	-800	-10	
• Fixed Costs and Related Changes	+216	0	LASA-3
NET CHANGE	-584	-10	

Mission Overview

The Land Acquisition Administration Activity supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to three fundamental goals for the National Park Service: 1) Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored, and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context; 2) The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values so that management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information; and 3) Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities. This activity contributes to DOI's outcome goals to improve health of watersheds, landscapes, and marine resources; sustain biological communities; protect cultural and natural heritage resources; provide for a quality recreation experience, including access and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources; and, protect lives, resources and properties.

Justification of 2007 Program Changes

The FY 2007 budget request for Federal Land Acquisition Administration is \$9.021 million and 88 FTE, a program change of -\$800,000 and -10 FTE from the FY 2006 level.

Reduce Support for Land Acquisition Administration: -\$0.800 million; -10.0 FTE

This proposed reduction will allow the Park Service to focus on park activities that most comport with core agency missions. Despite a declining amount of acquisitions with appropriated funds, the program continues to address the ongoing workload of donations, exchanges, easement monitoring and realty consultation, in addition to acquisition projects. The NPS will continue to coordinate land acquisition efforts with other Federal agencies which operate in park units' local jurisdictions. Depending on the park unit in which acquisition work is being carried out, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service may be involved. The coordination efforts range from communication, discussion of conservation needs of all agencies in the area, including State natural resources agencies, identification of acquisition priorities which will further the collective missions of those involved, and strategic actions to be taken.

Program Overview

The **Land Acquisition Administration** activity administers the acquisition of lands throughout the National Park System in a responsible and accountable way ensuring compliance with existing guidelines and laws. Land Acquisition Administration funds are used to staff land acquisition offices at seven program centers, three project offices, the Washington National Program Center, and the Washington Office. The funds are used to cover personnel and administrative costs such as salaries, personnel benefits, utilities, training, employee relocation, supplies, materials and equipment for the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the land acquisition program of the National Park Service.

FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates

The NPS will explore opportunities for coordination and resource sharing with other agencies that conduct and administer land acquisition programs. Depending on the park unit in which acquisition work is being carried out the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service may be involved. The coordination efforts range from communication; discussion of conservation needs of all agencies in the area, including State natural resources agencies; identification of acquisition priorities which will further the collective missions of those involved; and strategic actions to be taken.

The reorganized Land Resources Program will continue to pursue acquisition of high-priority lands through donations, exchanges, and where necessary, fee purchase. This will conform to the needs of each park unit as detailed in the general management plans and land protection plans, which have been developed through a public input process.

FY 2006 Planned Program Performance

The Land Acquisition Program's administrative and management functions continue to be reorganized following direction provided in the FY 2004 appropriation and detailed in the FY 2005 budget request. The NPS management has defined a new structure for the Program to most effectively meet the needs of National Park System units, the visitors who utilize the resources preserved at these units, and the NPS management which relies on the professional capability of the Land Resources Program staff. The reorganization will provide staffing levels, though reduced from prior years, to ensure professional growth and development opportunities that will maximize the human resources of the Program. The staff may be collocated in areas that more efficiently serve the nationwide needs of the National Park Service and not be limited to regional constraints. Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment authority has been granted by the Office of Personnel Management to assist in the restructuring of the Program's personnel. The effect of using these authorities will be realized during FY 2006 as the human resources of the Program continue to be streamlined.

Through the reorganization and realignment of administrative and management resources, the acquisition of high-priority lands identified in the General Management Plans and Land Protection Plans of the National Park System units will move towards the goal of one percent per annum. This successful performance in meeting the goal will contribute towards Departmental fulfillment of the PART requirements for the use of Land and Water Conservation Funds for Federal land acquisition.

FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

- Voluntary early retirement authority and voluntary separation incentive payments were both used, following guidance from the Office of Personnel Management, in an effort to reorganize the staff of the Land Resources Program.
- A total of 1,807,639 non-Federal acres within the authorized boundaries of the National Park System have been identified for Federal acquisition after FY 2005 at an estimated cost of approximately \$1.7 billion.
- The Land Resources Program has established a target of acquiring one percent per annum of the lands identified.
- In FY 2005 the Service's Land Resources Program acquired 12,750 acres, 1.8 percent of the tracts of land designated for acquisition and prioritized in the NPS management plans. The goal of acquiring one percent of the lands identified for acquisition was met.

Performance Overview

NOTE: This table does not include any proposed goal and measure changes resulting from the DOI Strategic Plan update now underway. See Performance Summary Tab for details.

Measure	2005 Plan	2005 Actual	Change from 2005 Plan	2006 Enacted	2006 Change from 2005	2007 Request	2007 Change from 2006
% identified tracks acquired (BUR IVa8)	1%	1.8%	+ 0.8%	1%	-0.8%	1%	0%



The NPS proposes to acquire high priority tracts for the Flight 93 National Memorial that include portions of the impact site and several buildings used by the FBI and State police. Shown here are the temporary memorial and other facilities.